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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL; RESIDENCE FURNISHINGS

1. IF AMBASSADOR AUSTAD CAN ARRIVE MARCH 10, MFA PROTOCOL DEPT. HOPES TO SCHEDULE CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION MARCH 14. PROTOCOL DEPT. SAYS ARRIVAL STATEMENT NOT EXPECTED AND REQUESTS EARLY ADVICE SO THEY MAY ALERT PRESS DEPT. IF AMB. AUSTAD PLANS SUCH STATEMENT.

2. EMBASSY STAFF AND CHIEF PROTOCOL WILL MEET AMBASSADOR'S PLANE. LATTER WILL ESCORT AUSTADS TO RESIDENCE. NO CHAMPAGNE OR OTHER CEREMONY ON THIS OCCASION. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH USE MARCH 11-13 PERIOD BEFORE CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION TO MEET EMBASSY STAFF EN MASSE OR IN SEVERAL GROUPS. PLEASE ADVISE. HOUSTONS INVITE AUSTADS FOR DINNER MARCH 10.

3. PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10. AMBASSADOR AUSTAD MAY WISH PAY FIRST CALL ON MOST DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES BEFORE THIS.

4. SHELF SPACE IN LIBRARY IS 90 LINEAL FEET, BUT AMBASSADOR WILL WANT LEAVE SOME SPACE FREE FOR BOOKS HE MAY EXPECT ACQUIRE HERE.

5. PAINTINGS NEEDED WITH APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS AS FOLLOWS:
(A) MASTER BEDROOM - TWO PAINTINGS 24 INCHES HIGH,
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36 INCHES WIDE AND ONE 24 INCHES HIGH, 18 INCHES WIDE.

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(B) PIANO ALCOVE - ONE 30 INCHES HIGH, 40 INCHES WIDE.
(C) DINING ROOM - MIRROR OR PAINTING, 50 INCHES HIGH,
35 INCHES WIDE; TWO SMALL PAINTINGS, 20 INCHES HIGH,
24 INCHES WIDE.
(D) LIVING ROOM - PAINTING 40 INCHES HIGH, 50 INCHES
WIDE; PAINTING 30 INCHES HIGH, 36 INCHES WIDE.
(E) LIBRARY - ONE PAINTING ABOUT 40 INCHES HIGH, 30
INCHES WIDE.
(F) ENTRANCE HALL - TWO MATCHING PAINTINGS ABOUT
15 BY 15 INCHES.

6. AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO WISH OBTAIN MORE COLORFUL PAINTING
ABOUT 26 INCHES HIGH, 36 INCHES WIDE FOR LIVING ROOM TO
REPLACE ROBERT BURKIRT PAINTING ENTITLED "BIRCHES" WHICH
SEEMS DRAB FOR EXISTING LOCATION. BURKIRT PAINTING AND
OTHER ITEMS NOW TEMPORARILY HANDINGING IN RESIDENCE PUBLIC ROOMS
CAN BE SHIFTED WHEN REPLACEMENTS ARRIVE.

7. AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE HAS SPACE FOR ABOUT SEVEN
PAINTINGS, PHOTOS, ETC., OF REASONABLE SIZE (18 BY 24
INCHES).

8. RESIDENCE STAFF PLACING WITH WIESBADEN MILITARY
COMMISSARY ORDER FEB. 28 FOR APRIL DELIVERY OF
FOOD ITEMS THEY BELIEVE AUSTADS WILL NEED FOR ENTERTAINING.
ADVISE IF ANY PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR US-ORIGIN FOOD-
STUFFS.
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